(iii) No capitation or voluntary donation should be charged.

(iv) Unaided schools should consult parents through parents representatives before revising the fees. The fees should not be revised during the mid session.

(e) Does not arise.

Community colleges for vocational training

2673. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:

SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to set up 600 community colleges across the country for imparting vocational education to students;

(b) if so, the details thereof and their locations, State-wise;

(c) whether any of these colleges will be set up in Amroha, Moradabad, Azamgarh and Mau in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The XI Plan document as endorsed by the National Development Council (NDC) has envisaged setting up of additional community colleges as well as supporting the existing ones. The objective of these colleges is to provide education which aims at skill development in a flexible environment. Details of the proposal are being worked out.

Composite Educational Development Index

2674. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in 2006-07 Composite Educational Development Index towards Universal Elementary Education, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Assam, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh ranked 30 or below;

(b) if so, what were their ranks in 2007-08 and the improvement achieved over the previous year; and

(c) the targets fixed for four broad parameters of access, infrastructure, teacher related indicators and their outcome for 2008-09 and 2009-10?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) To assess progress of States and Union Territories towards universalization of elementary education, an Educational Development Index (EDI), has been developed by National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA). The EDI is based on four broad parameters of access, infrastructure, teacher related indicators and elementary education outcomes. The status of the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal is as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of State	2006-07		2007-08	
		EDI value	EDI ranks	EDI value	EDI ranks
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.458	32	0.485	34
2.	Assam	0.477	31	0.515	31
3.	Bihar	0.321	35	0.406	35
4.	Jharkhand	0.381	34	0.491	32
5.	Madhya Pradesh	0.481	30	0.590	26
6.	West Bengal	0.458	33	0.488	33

EDI details are taken into regard in approving Annual Work Plan & Budgets of States/UTs in order to address, *inter-alia*, gaps in infrastructure, and teachers, etc.

Female literacy mission

2675. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of literacy among men and women, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to start Female Literacy Mission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The rate of literacy among men and women, State-wise, is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The Government have decided to recast the National Literacy Mission to focus on literacy of women. Action has already been initiated to recast the Mission and seek necessary approvals.

Statement

State-wise literacy rate as per Census 2001

Sl.No.	State / UT	Male	Female
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	70.3	50.4
2	Arunachal Pradesh	63.8	43.5
3	Assam	71.3	54.6
4	Bihar	59.7	33.1
5	Chhattisgarh	77.4	51.9